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WSP Missing & Exploited Children Task Force Arrest Lacey Man

The Washington State Patrol Missing and Exploited Children Task Force (MECTF), which is comprised of detectives from the WSP, Lakewood and Puyallup Police Departments, made an arrest early this morning with the assistance of the Lacey Police Department.

MECTF obtained information from Florida ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children), that a 28 year old male from Washington State had been sending several child sexual images to an individual in Florida who had been previously arrested for other computer related charges.

After further investigation by MECTF detectives, it was determined the man was a Lacey resident and was allegedly dealing in depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. MECTF obtained a search warrant for the suspect's computer.

At approximately 6:15 a.m. a 28 year old Lacey man, Bryce L. Quale, was taken into custody for *Possession of depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and /or Dealing in depictions of minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct and Sending, bringing into state depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct*. WSP MECTF detectives questioned, and then booked Quale into the Thurston County Jail. His house was searched and a Sony Vaio computer was taken as evidence. The WSP Computer Crimes Unit will conduct a forensic analysis of the computer to determine the extent of the crime.

Detectives with the Washington State Patrol MECTF unit have closed 68 cases in the last 12 months for sexually related computer crimes and missing children cases. Child Pornography continues to be a growing national problem and WSP detectives continue to make arrests.

* Any questions regarding this arrest should be directed to Detective Sergeant John Sager at (360) 507-1397.
